

# Idaho Secure Mental Health Facility

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Based on old classification system:

- Approximately 1/3 (n=2135) of inmates identified as having some type of mental health issue
- Approximately 240 of those would roughly compare to H&W definition of chronic and persistent mental illness

# Idaho Secure Medical Facility

## *Idaho Code 66-1301*

- Mandates that the DOC “...establish, operate, and maintain” an identifiably separate facility for the assessment and treatment of the mentally ill
- Currently housed within one housing unit at maximum security institution
- 12 beds for the most acute mentally ill



# Challenges in existing system

- Insufficient bed space for existing DOC population
- H&W need estimated at 40-50 beds annually
- Criminalization of mentally ill

# SOLUTION

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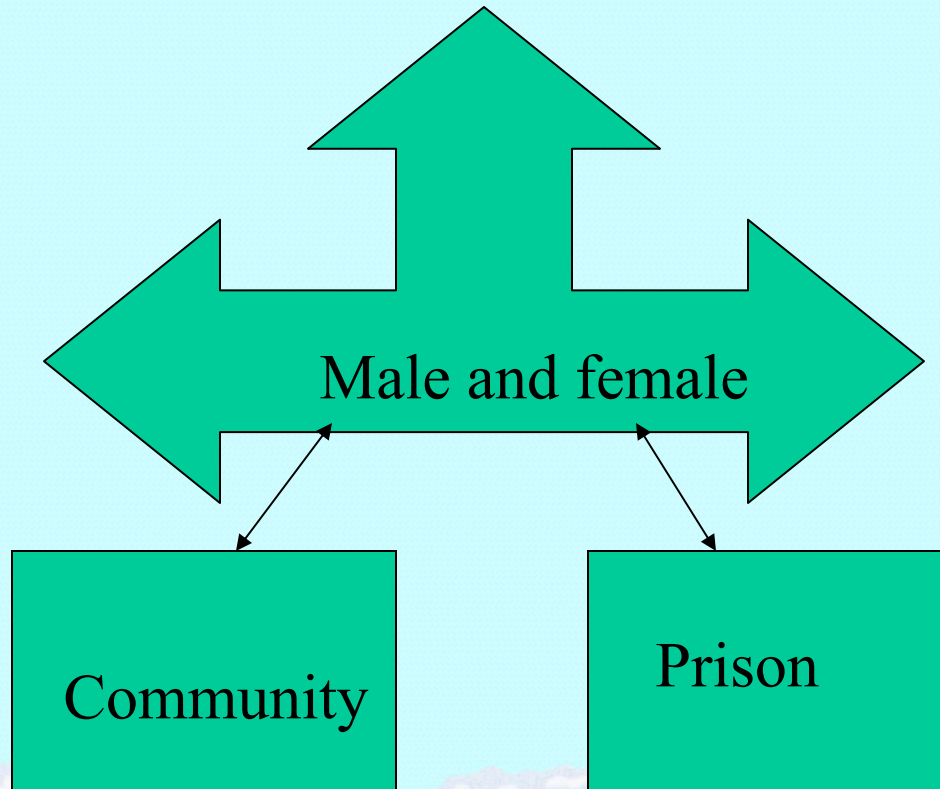
- Secure Mental Health Facility
- Complies with Idaho Code 66-1301
- Population Served:
  - sentenced mentally ill
  - pre-adjudication dangerously mentally ill (e.g., 18-212)
  - dangerously mentally ill civil commitments
  - male and female

# Idaho Secure Mental Health Facility: **Concept**

Pre-adjudication

Dangerously MI  
Civil  
Commitment

Sentenced  
MI

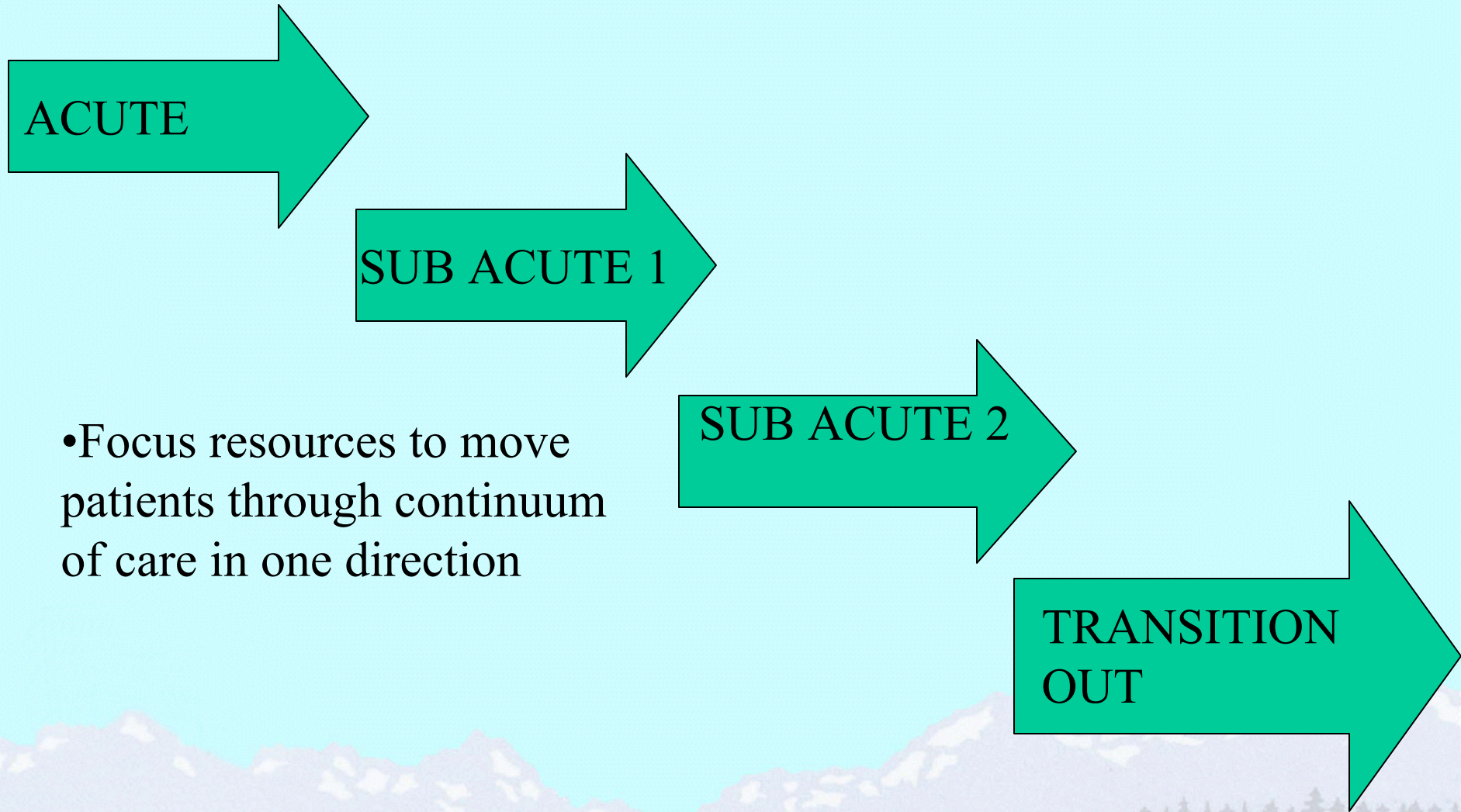


Community

Prison



# CONTINUUM OF CARE



# Idaho Secure Mental Health Facility: Plan

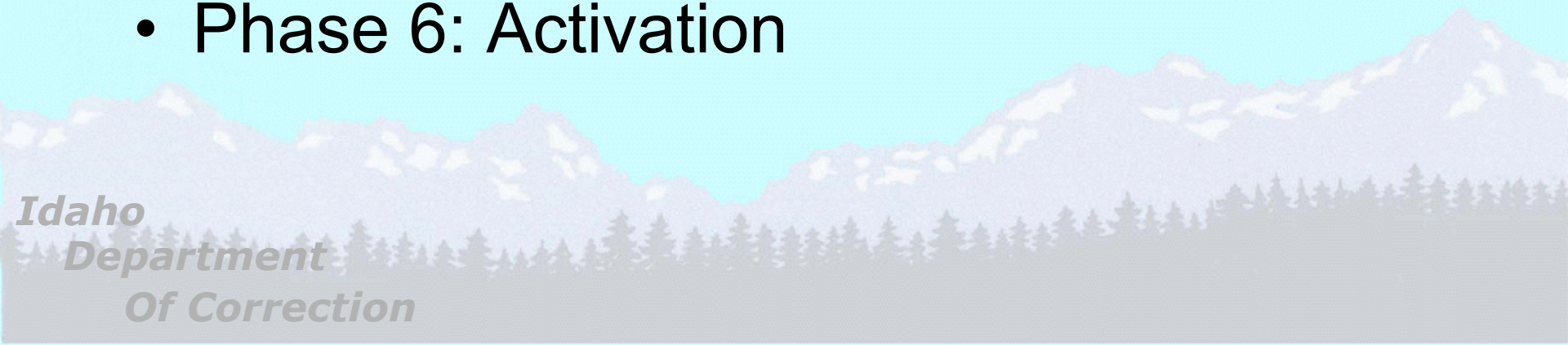
- Joint venture with H&W
- Phase 1: physical plant design with joint mission focus
- Phase 2: staffing analysis
  - would not be 300 bed hospital
  - staffing would vary by acuity





# Idaho Secure Mental Health Facility: Plan

- Phase 3: In two years, plan to request FTPs and operating funds
- Phase 4: Recruiting and Hiring
- Phase 5: Establishing policies and standards
- Phase 6: Activation



# Conclusion

- Need already exists
- Meet the needs of all stakeholders
  - mentally ill individuals and their families
  - courts
  - law enforcement
  - H&W
  - prisons



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